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Stakeholder Steering Committee
Renewable Energy Transmission Initiative
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Re: Native American representation in Renewable Energy Transmission Initiative (RETI)

Ladies and Gentlemen:

As you may know, the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Southern California Agency represents 29 tribes and 30 reservations in the region, extending from Santa Barbara to Mexico, and east to the Salton Sea. In pursuing its federal trust responsibilities, my agency is in daily communication with tribes across this region.

This communication provides BIA, Southern California Agency the ability to communicate and bring concerns of tribes interested in, or potentially affected by renewable energy-transmission development to the attention of the RETI planning collaborative. To do so effectively, we request membership on the RETI Stakeholder Steering Committee.

BIA, Southern California Agency would propose to share responsibility for communicating with tribes about RETI jointly with the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC), which communicates with tribes across the state. BIA and NAHC would thus share one seat on the RETI steering committee.

Sincerely,

James J. Fletcher
Superintendent